FORTY-FIVE FOOT YACHT BRAVES SEA

Takes Outside Route to Norfolk When Mariners Quail at Going Out.

HURRIED UP RECEIVERSHIP

Southern Mutual Aid Association Charged With Fraud to Stockholders.

NORFCLK, VA., December 28.-The gasoline yacht May, of Wildwood, N. J., came in from sea this morning, replendished her store of oil and proceeded by the inside water way to Florida. Marine men here were astounded when they learned that the forty-seven footer came down the coast in December, and with women aboard, braved perils from which experienced navigators have shrunk during the past week or two The master of the May said he heard the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal was closed by ice and, therefore, came down

Harris, proprietor of the Edgeton Inn, Wildwood, Mrs. Harris and their son, Mr. and Mrs. N. 17. Hickel, proprietors of the Oaklyn Hotel, Wildwood, and their

daughter.

They will spend the winter in Florida
They will spend the winter in Florida They sailed a week ago and have been visiting various ports as they came down.
RECEIVERSHIP.

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Judge Martin in the Court of Law and
Chancery here this afternoon appointed
T. Catesby Jones receiver, of Virginia,
of the Southern Mutual Aid Association, Birmingham, Ala., and the United

of Norfolk, recently merged. The receivership proceedings were brought by Edward Stein & Co., of Phil-adelphia, creditors and stockholders of the United States Mutual and Savings the United States Mutual and Savings Association, who allege that the associa-tion was sold out to the Alabama As-sociation with a fraudulent transfer of stock to the injury of stockholders and creditors who were left unprotected.

The proceedings to-day were hurrled to prevent receivers who might be ap-

to prevent receivers who might be appointed in Alabama from getting possession of the Virginia assets of the United States Mutual Savings Association, managed by L.S. D. Saul, and carrying them out of the State.

Receiver Jones qualified at once under a bond of \$2,000 and took charge of the office and affairs of the defendant companies in Norfolk. This is one of the largest concerns which has been operating in this section on the five, ten, fifteen and twenty cents per week insurance plan. It has had a large patronage among the colored people of Norfolk.

The United States battleship Kentucky

KENTUCKY SAILS.

The United States battleship Kentucky sailed from the navy-yard to-day for the yard at Brooklyn, N. Y., to go into dry-dock for attention below the water line. After being scraped and repainted, the versa will. the vessel will return to Hampton Roads to await the rendezvous of the battleshi and armored cruisers squadrons of North Atlantic fleet preparatory to the annual manoeuvres in the Caribbean Sea.

Qualified As Executrix.

Mrs. Henrietta Block has qualified in the Chancery Court as executrix of the will of the late Henry Block. The estate is valued at \$99,000.

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Virginia State Insurance Company, Helmond, Va. Dec. 22, 1965.
PHE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared their usual semi-annual dividend of three per cent (free of tax), payable on and after January 2, 1996. Checks will be mailed.
ROBERT LECKY, Jr., Vice-President and Secretary,

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ALL DRUGGISTS.

TEACHER WEDS PUPIL; WOOED DOING SUMS

Array of Professors at Marriage of Normal School Instructor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BAL'DIMORE, December 28.-William matics in the State Normal School here. was married to Miss Mary Henrietta Weller, one of his pupils, at the bride's home in Chewsville, Washington county to-day. Professor Holloway and Miss Weller fell in love while the young wo-man was learning sums under his

guldance. The Rev. Rudolph Byrd, The Rev. Rudolph Byrd, of Bolling Springs, Pa., officiated. The bridal party stood under a bell of holly and mistletoe. Miss Lutie Sessard was maid of honor, and D. Frank Holloway, of Salisbury, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The ushers were Professor Virgil E. Ward, principal of the Snow Hill High School: Professor Lero Buckinghap, of

School; Professor Lero Buckingham, of Frederick City College; B. Frank Adkins and J. Emory Baker. The wedding marches weer played by Professor Fritz Gaul, of the Normal

SOLID BUSINESS MAN CONFESSES BURGLARY

Stolen Jewelry Found Secreted in His Store By the

SCRANTON, PA., December 28 .- Frank A. Tisdell, forty years old, who is a gunsmith, in partnership with his father, and is one of the city's substantial business men, is in a cell at police headquarters, a self-confessed burglar. Two weeks ago the jewelry store of M. Rilberg was broken into and \$50 worth of dlamonds and several hundred dollars worth of other jewelry, including five watches, were taken. An overcoat was stolen from an adjoining repair shop.

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To-day Assistant City Comptroller
Craddock Morris, the owner of the coat,
recognized it on Tisdell, and told the
police. The coat was found in Tisdell's
store, containing among other things, a
Bible, with Tisdell's name in it.

Later some of the stolen jewelry was
found secreted in the store, and Tisdell
was arrested. He returned the maches

found secreted in the store, and risgen was arrested. He returned the watches and some of the jewelry, but stoutly maintained that he didn't take any dia-

CHRISTMAS GERMAN.

The First of a Series to Be Given at Frederick's Hall.

The first german of the season was given at the Masonic Hall Wednesday night, about seventy persons attending. At midnight a delightfut oyster supper was served. Those dancing were: Ladies—Misses Ina Gladys Crank, Ophie Harris, Martha and Mary Terrell. L. Maude Poindexter, Elia Chisholm, Mudel Moss, Max and Pinky Cosby, Elizabeth Hardenbergh, Myrtle Atkinson, Jennie Harris, Mattle Beckham, Alvs Hood, Grayco Crank, Amanda Lee Goodwin, Bettle and Bell Garrett, Dalsy Vaughan, of "Eliers-Bic!" Pauline Scott, of Galveston, Tex.; Byelyn and Rosebud Johnson, Misses McCue and Edna Kean, of Louies, Georgia Turner, Mary Ella Jennings, Annie Francisco.

Gentlemen-Messrs, Early T. Terrell H. S. Thompson, J. V. Hardenbergh, Dr., of Richmond; H. Hall Hardenbergh, Dr., of Richmond; H. Hall Hardenbergh, Dr., Bickerton Phillips, Percy B. Spicer, E. Bruce Harris, B. Franklin Vaughan, D. O. Jennings, Jr., Jay Duke, Willie Perkins, Roy Chisholm, Zackarlah Swift, C. Crank, Parker Trice, John Bosby, Louis Chisholm, M. Francisco, W. B. Pendleton, Jr., John Bibb, James E, Porter, T. Hughes, Dr. Jordan, of Hanover; Dr. Edmond A. Terrell, A. Garrett Trice, Garland H. Spicer.

Chaperones-Mrs. E. A. Terrell, Mrs. J. V. Hardenbergh, Mrs. F. Hood, Mr. E. H. Poindexter, Mr. Trice,
The music was furnished by, the Bibb, String Band. This was the first of a series of germans to follow. The first german of the season was given

EDWARD CAREW RICE SUICIDE IN MOBILE

MOBILE, ALA, Dec. 28.—Edward Sarew Rice, thirty-three years old, local representative of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company and a prominent clubman, was found dead in his office to-day with a bullet through his brain. He left a telegram and letter, showing that the net was a deliberate one. He came from Ninety-Six, S. C., and the body will be shipped to that point.

Supervisors Meet.

The board of supervisors of Henrico county met yesterday afterneon and transacted routine business. Messrs, W. T. Warriner, V. Litchfield and P. M. Houston were present.

The regular term of Henrico Circuit Court will begin on Tuesday.

NEGRO COLLEGES

Hold Interesting Session, at Which Prominent Negro Educators Speak.

EX-SLAVE SENDS GREETINGS

Charles Stewart Makes Good Address-Senator Blain Speaks at Night.

"To the Work, We Are Servants of God," was used as the opening hymn for he second day's session of the National Association of Negro Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges yesterday morning, and Professor Nathan B. Young, A. M. of Florida, made the opening prayer.

Professor G. N. Grisham, A. M., of Cansas City, Mo., outlined in a practical way the course of study for high schools. He considered it unfortunate in some re-spects because many of his people had started at the top instead of at the bot-tom; they had universities before they tom; they had universities before they had grammar schools. "We are now getting on the right path." He thought that the course should be elective, rather than selected by a board. He thought an inducement should be held out for the development of special talent, whenever found in a boy or girl. "One study is as good as another for educational purposes," he said, "and the common need of the negro boys and girls in America is the common use of English. They should be brought in contact with the thinking world. Teach them the use of good English. Devoting time to grammar will not literature before they had any grammar. Let us teach the essentials."

Necessity of Education. Professor Simpson, of the Union Uni-versity, followed with a short address, as did Dr. Hovey, president of the same leathertee.

Institution.
"We must reach out for our boys and girls," said President R. R. Wright, "and save them regardless of cost. I believe that in the future there must be greater men and women produced, and this can be dean by the transfer. men and women produced, and this can be done by us. We are to save our own boys and girls. If we can get them to see the necessity of educating, and in getting what education gets, that will be useful to them, and the great question will be settled. To do this we must have the co-operation of our State Teachers' Associations and other organizations. We must go right down after our youth.' Science in the schools was discussed by Professor D. C. Suggs, of College, Ga. His address was scholarly and practical. He wanted science to be used as an incentive to agriculture. He wanted the beauty of agriculture to be shown

he beauty of agriculture to be shown through science, thus getting more negr the negro's taking hold of agriculture would have much to do with his future

development.

Professor J. H. Bluford, of the State
Agricultural and Mechanical College for
Negroes, at Greensboro, N. C., said that
most of the boys who attended that institution either took up agriculture or some of the trades taught him at the institu-

tion.

A few of them went to Raleigh and took a course of medicine at Shaw, while others found their way to other professional life. But few turned out to be

Work to An End.

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Rev. J. H. A. Cyrus, D. D., president of Union Industrial Academy, Port Conway, followed with an earnst appeal for the negro boys. He congratulated the presidents of the colleges and the professors present for what they were doing for the advancment of the negro; what they were doing toward training the heart, head and hands. "When I listent to you," he said, "and hear your encouraging words. I am forced to say that there is a future for my people in this country, and we should work to that end."

Professor W. C. Jason, of the State College for colored youth, Dover, Del, was the next speaker, and he, too, felt hopeful for the future. He said that many of the boys of his race were turning their attention in the right direction, and would be able to do much for their race.

Professor P. W. Moore, of Elizabeth City, N. C., also made an able address. The following committees were an-

Science—J. H. Bluford, Z. T. Hubert, G. H. Grisham.
Sociological—M. N. Work, R. R. Wright, Jr., W. T. B. Williams.
Professor C. T. Hubert, of Tallahassee, Fla., made the opening address in the afternoon. In his opening remarks he said: "Science will never take the place of mathematics, and yet it is a promising field for any of our youngsters."
Professor C. H. Johnson, A. M., of Wilherforce, discussed art in the negro schools and showed many reasons why it should form a part of the education of the youth.

Charles Stewart Speaks.

Charles Stewart represented Professor William H. Councill, A. M., president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Normal, Ala., for negroes, Professor Councill is perhaps the oldest negro college president and an ex-slave. He was sold through the famous Richmond slaven, and carried to Alabama, where he entered the work of training his people immediately after emancipation, and has been actively engaged in the work ever since. On account of his health he was unable to attend the meeting, as it was his desire to visit Richmond, which to him was a dear spot, He extended greetings to the association. Among other things, he said:

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"We must educate the negre in the fundamental principles of a common school course; develop his instinct of truth and justice, implanted in every human heart by the Almighty, and give him that industrial training which will make him such a factor in our industrial mathematics that he cannot be thrown out without serious detriment to the labor problem of the South.

"Education in the hands of an envenly and roundly developed constitution, expanded in the line of truth and industry, is what a new, sharp hatchet is in the hands of a good boy. It is an instrument to repair and build; but education under other conditions is as that hatchet in the hands of a bad lay, a victous boy—an instrument of mischlef, and destruction, with which the little criminal cuts and hacks his way into prison and cuts and hacks his way into prison and

Are Still Arguing.

The United States District Court, Judge Waddill, was engaged again yesterday in hearing argument in the suit of the Bowling Green Trust Company vs. the Virginia Passenger and Power Company.

It is that I cannot be with you in person in this great work, but my prayers are with you, my means are at your command, and our friend. Charles Stewart, will represent us."

A telegram was read from Professor J. S. Hathaway, Frankfort, Ky., who was

unable to be pressed and also from Professor Anna J. Cooper, principal of the negro high school. Washington, D. C. The night session of the negro educators was not largely attended last night at the True Reformers' Hall. President R. R. Wright presided, and the address was made by ex-Senator Henry M. Blair, of Washington, D. C.

DR. TRENT TO SPEAK.

Old Richmond Boy to Address
Virginia Historical Society,
The annual public meeting of the Virginia Historical Society will be held at the Y. M. C. A. hall next Thursday evening at \$15 o'clock, and a most interesting programme has been provided.
The present president, Colonel W. Gordon McCabe, will deliver his annual address. This will be followed by the election of officers for the ensuing year. A most attractive feature of the meeting will be an address by Professor William Peterfield Trent, of Columbia University, New York, whose subject will be "History as Literature." It is understood that Dr. Trent will make a plea for the preservation of history in a more attractive manner. The entire meeting is open live manner. The entire meeting is open

Postmasters and Carriers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.-Vir. ginia postmasters appointed:
Laister, Montgomery county, R. A. DeHart, vice E. F. Sesler, resigned; Tenso,
Dickenson county, Noah C. Deel, vice F.
M. Arrington, resigned.
Rural carriers appointed for North

Rural carriers appointed for North Carolina routes; Cascar Route, No. 1, Oscar C, Forten-berry carrier, Jesse C, Fortenberry sub, Jaurel Springs Route, No. 1, Charles R, Johnson earrier, Frank Johnson sub, Lucia Route, No. 2, James L, Alien car-rier, William S, Palnter, sub; Union Mills Route, No. 1, Mr. Addio J, Alien carrier, Luther Nanney sub; Route 2 Will Black carrier, John E, Black sub.

Heirs Need to Speak Out.

Sheriff John E. Epps is again in trouble n his capacity of public administrator, in his capacity of public administrator, and again calls upon the newspapers to help him out. This time his trouble is in reference to the property of Maria L. Irwin's estate, which embraces twenty-eight feet of ground on East College Street, upon which the eye of the "land-grabber" has been focused. The sherlif would like to hear from any of the heirs or anybody else interested in the property mentioned.

Licensed to Wed.

The clerk of the Hustings Court yes-terday issued marriage licenses to Wes-ley Townsend, Jr., and Amanda V. Gunu and to William L. McKnight and Belle

Charleston to Sail.

Charleston to Sall.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 28.—The new
cruiser Charleston, now at the Norfolk
navy yard, has received orders to sall
from this port January 7th for Charleston, S. C., where she goes to receive a
silver service to be presented by the
citizens of Charleston. The cruiser will
sall from Charleston January 14th on her
return to the Norfolk yard, where she
will be under repairs for a month,

Masons Celebrate.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DILLWYN. VA., Dec. 28.—Andersonville
Lodge No. 242, A. F. and A. M., met in
their half at Buckingham yesterday to
celebrate St. John's Day.
The following officers were elected for
the incoming year: E. D. Gregory, W. M.;
R. H. Spencer, S. W.; William R. Silvey,
J. W.; A. C. Garnett, S. W.; C. A. Spencer, J. D.; J. Lee Coleman, secretary, and
P. A. Grigg, treasurer.
The lodge adjourned from labor for refreshments and an elegant dinner was
served the fraternity by Maysville Hotel.

Mr. C. A. Richardson Sick. Mr. C. A. Richardson has been quite ill or some days and is still confined to his though greatly improved.

Virginia Veteran is Dead.

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(Rv Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, MD., December 28.—Colonel John W. Gibson, of Churlestown,
W. Va., dled at the City Hospital to-day
as the result of an operation performed
about two weeks ago. Colonel Gibson
was born at Berryville, Va., sixty-five
years ago, and served in the Confederate
army from shortly after the outbreak of army from shortly after the outbreak of ently connected throughout Virginia and

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Richmond, Va.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS, VIA NORFOLK AND WESTERN RY.
Tickets to all points on Norfolk and Vestern Railway will be sold at greatly reduced rates on December 30th and 31st and January 1st, good for return passage until January 4, 1909. Norfolk and return, \$5.00. C. H. BOSLEY,
District Passenger Agent. District Passenger Agent,

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Chart Helicher.

HOLIDAY RATES,
VIA STEAMER POCAHONTAS,
Tickets will be for sale on steamer Pocahontas from December 19th to 31st, inclusiv, for one and one-third fare for the
round trip, and good to return within
ten days from date of sale, between Richmond, Newport News, Old Point, Portsmouth, Norfolk and James River landings.

Bears the Bignature Chart Hollickire

LAST TO BE BEST.

The motto of the Sunday Times-Dispatch is to make every issue an improvement on what has gone before. The growing popularity of the paper shows how well the public appreciate this. The last issue in 1905, that of next Sunday, will be the crowning one of the year. It will be brim full of good features and will contain all the news of all the world.

The nation deserved to be punished for its sins, and the seventy years of exile, like the forty years of wandering in the desort, were designed as chastisements from God. But He had all this time an ultimate purpose, and a remnant, was made ready in Bubylon for future usefulness. They were theroughly cured of idolatrs, and they lost all political power. Thus they were able to devete themselves to religious matters, and to arrange certaity preliminaries for the appearance of our Lord.

OF GIRL AT A DANCE

One Man is Killed; Three Others

Wounded and the Girl is

Nearly Insane.

Nearly Insane.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BROOKS, GA., December 28.—A quarrel over a girl's favor at a Christmas dance here last night resulted in one man being killed and three others being wounded, and two of whom may die. The dead man is Anthony Bliss and those wounded are John Goodwin, Lander Goodwin were rivals for favors of the young woman at a dance. The girl seemed to prefer Morris and this enraged John Goodwin, Bliss, at whose home the dance was in progress, and who was brother-in-law to Goodwin, tried to keep peace in vain. Goodwin, tried to keep peace in vain. Goodwin drew a revolver as did Morris, and both men opened fire in a crowded ball room. Probably a dozen shots were fired with the result above stated. The young woman over whom the quarrel originated rainted and Goodwin and Morris rivals for her affections fell near her body. The girl has been hysterical since the tragedy and doctors fear for her reason.

AUTHORIZES RECEIVER

TO BORROW \$900,000

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Dec. 28.—Judge H. H. Lurton, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in chambers in this city to-day, granted an order permitting Judson Harmon, receiver of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton and Pere Marquette Rallroads to borrow \$900,000 with which to meet interest on outstanding mertgage bonds.

FOUGHT FOR FAVORS

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 31, 1905.

Fourth Quarterly Review.

GOLDEN TEXT: In all thy ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall

By REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D., Secretary American Society of Religious Education.

GENERAL REVIEW.—There have been three special lessons in the quarter just closed—one on temperance and two concerning the Messiah. The remaining ten lessons covered about two hundred years of Jewish history, 696-400 B. C., known as the captivity and post captivity periods. These were taken from five of the Old Testament books, Daniel, Ezra, Zachariah, Esther and Nehemiah, one of them being classed among the prophetic writings. We shall review by questions. FIRST LESSON, Oct. 1.—Daniel and Belshazar (Dan. v. 17-20). What did God de for Nebuchadnezar, the former king of Babylon? What use did Nebuchadnezzar make of all the power and glory thus conferred upon him? What calamity befoll Nebuchadnezzar because of his abuse of power? How did this judgment affect Belshazzar, his grandson? Why was the liand made to inscribe a sentence? What was written on the celling in the banquet hall? What was the meaning of the writing? What occurred that night?

SECOND LESSON, Oct. S.—Daniel in the Lion's Den Dan. vi. 16-23). What decree had been issued and why? How did Daniel regard this decree? What did the enemies of Daniel do on learning of his prayer? How did the king feel when he heard the statement of Daniel's enemies? Why did he finally yield to their request? What was done after Daniel was cast into the den? What occurred in the morning? What was Daniel's reply to the call of the king? What explanation is given for Daniel's escape from the lions? How did the king feel about the matter?

THIRD LESSON, October 15th.—Returning from Captivity. Ezra III-II.—

the matter?
THIRD LESSON, October 15th.—Returning from Capitvity. Ezra 1:1-11.—
Who carried the Jews into capitvity?
Where were they taken? Who ordered their return? What promoted this order?
How many were allowed to go? What help was ordered to the returning emptives? Who responded to this permission?
What did the government do to aid the expedition? What number of sacred vessels and what kind was delivered? To whom were they delivered? What would be done with these vessels? Why were they greatly prized?
FOURTH LESSON, October 22d.—Re-

whom were they delivered? What would be done with these vessels? Why were they greatly prized?

FOURTH LESSON, October 22d.—Rebuilding the Temple. Era ili, 10 to Iv, 5.—Who built the first temple and in what year? Who caused it to be destroyed and in what year? What did the old man do, and why? What did the does not only dan desire to do? Why was their request refused? What was the reason for that refused? What was the reason for that refused? What was the reason for that then attempt to do? In what way did they seek to influence Cyrus? What was the motive in this conduct?

FIFTH LESSON, October 29th.—Power Through God's Spirit. Zech. Iv:1-10.—What did the prophet see? Who was it that awakened him to see? For whom was this vision designed? Why was they such symbolic instruction at that time, and if so what was the need? What prediction was made concerning Zerubbabel and the temple? What is said about the day of small things? Why was that said? What was said about the eyes of the Lord? What is the great thought of the lesson?

SINTH LESSON, November 5th.—Esther Pleading for the People. Esther, iv:10 to v:3.—Who was Esther and where did she lives? How came she into such great homo? What was the people?

Why did Esther hestate at first? How was she afterward persuaded? What was her final answer? How did Esther enter the king's court? How did the king promise? Why did Esther hestate at first? How was the secret of this favor?

SEVENTH LESSON, Nov. 12.—Ezra's Journey to Jerusalem (Ezra vill; 21.25). Who led the first expedition from Babylon to Jerusalem? What was the first thing he did on starting? Why did he deliver the sliver, gold and accord to prevent fraud? What was the first thing he did on starting? Why did he deliver the sliver, gold and accord to prevent fraud? What charge did he give to ensure faithfulness? Sow were they helped and protected by the long did they stay? What is the chole long to finerest in the narrative? he give to ensure faithfulness? Now were they helped and protected by the way? To what city did they come? How way? To what city did they come? How long did they stay? What is the chief point of interest in the narrative? EIGHTH LDSSON, Nov. 12.—Nohemalal's Prayer (Neh. 1; 1-11). Who was Nehemiah? What led him to desire to visit Jerusalem? How was he affected on learning the condition of Jerusalm? What was the substance of the prayer that he offered on that account? What did all this indicate concerning the character of Nehemiah? What confession did he make concerning the people? What reference did he make to Moses? What reference did he make concerning the Jewish nation? What does he particularly ask for himself?

did he make to Moses? What claim did he make concerning the Jewish nation? What does he particularly ask for himsel?

NINTH LESSON, Nov. 25.—World's Temperance Lesson (I Cor. x: 23-33). What practice in the church at Corinth furnished occasion for this passage? How many different kinds of advice does Paul give to the church on this subject? What is that one rule which will determine the righteousness of all courses of action? What did Paul say was the rule of his life? Wherein does all this bear on the subject of temperance? Wherein does temperance, or the duty of total obstinance, rest on a firmer basis than did the refusal to cat meats offered to idols? TENTH LESSON—December 3d.—Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalom. Neb. iv; 7-20. How long was this after the first expedition went to Jerusalom by permission of Cyrus? Why had so little been done during that time? What enemies were disposed to hinder the building? What did they do? What nedes of defense did Nehemiah adopt? What advice did he give to the nobles of the city? How were the people arranged for service in the public work? How did the builders work? What adopt? What advice did he give to the nobles of the city? How were the people arranged for service in the public work? How did the builders work? What general signal was appointed to rully all the forces at one point? What was Nohemiah's ground for confidence? BLEVENTH LESSON—December 19th. Reading and Obeying the Law. Nev. vill: 8-18. What two men are associated here? Who helped them? What was done on the second day? What was done on the last day? TWELFTH LESSON—December 19th. Preparation for the Messiah. Mai. ili-1-12. What two persons are predicted in this lesson? What was done on the last day? TWELFTH LESSON—December 17th. Preparation for the Messiah. Mai. ili-1-12. What two persons are predicted in this lesson? What was done on the last day? TWELFTH LESSON—December 17th. Preparation for the Messiah. Mai. ili-1-12. What two persons are predicted in this lesson? What was done on the last day? TW

Loyalist Council of Cumberland Presbyterians Will Raise \$40,ooo to Fight Union.

(By Associated Press.)

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 28,—
The advisory beard of the Loyalist Council, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which is fighting the union of that church with what is generally known as the Northern Presbyterian Church, decided to-day to raise a fund of \$40,000 for the prosecution of a campaign to prevent the union. The fund will be raised from the church inembership on the budget plan. The council adjourned this afternoon.

TO MEAN BUSINESS

BRETHREN APPEAR

Arrange for Union.

How does all this prepare for the advent?

THIRTEENTH LESSON—December 24th. The Character of the Messiah. Isa. ix: 1-7. What is meant by the land of the shadow of death? What is meant by walking in darkness? What is meant by the yoke of his burden?

What five names were to be given to the Messiah? What was the meaning of each. Why was each appropriate to Christ? In what sense was the government of the Messiah to increase? What are to be the two dominant principles in Messiah's government? Upon what guarantee does this description rest? To what extent have these predictions been fulfilled in Christianity?

FINAL WORDS—There are two views

Arrange for Union.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 28.—The joint committee representing the General Assemblies of the Northern Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches, met here to-day to arrange the details for the organic union of the two churches. To-day's work was done by two subcommittees.

"There is no danger whatever that union between the Northern Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches will not be effected," said the Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, of Philadelphia, chairman of the Northern Presbyterian General Committee, at the Closn of to-day's proceedings at the Southern Hotel. "We are simply waiting for all details to be arranged by the subcommittees of the two churches. The real work will be accomplished to-morrow."

Rev. Dr. W. H. Black, of Marshall, Mo., chairman of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Committee, expresses the same sentiment.

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(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, December 23.—Judge Holt, in the United States District Court, today handed down an opinion overruling the findings of the referce in bankruptcy in the case of Sully and Company, cotton by the trustee in bankruptcy.

The topurt decides that Hawley and Ray, formerly associated with Sully and Company, have no right to examine the books of Sully and Company or to re-examine the claims of the Cotton Exchange creditors with a view to proving them illegal.

The effect of the decision will be to force Hawley and Ray to defend the suits brought against them in the Supreme Court to recover \$1,00,000 by the trustee in bankruptcy for Sully.

It was contended by Hawley and Ray that the claims of the Cotton Exchange creditors were illegal, really rendering Sully solvent on the morning of his failure and that, being solvent, the release which they claim Sully executed to them was valid.

PRINCETON DEFEATED BY QUAKERS AT HOC**key**

Exciting Game Played-First Ice Contest Ever in South in

Norfolk.

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., Décember 28.—The Quaker City team from Philadelphia defeated Princeton at hockey at the ico palace to-night by a score of 7 te 6. The game was exciting. It was the first ice hockey game ever played in the South. There was a large crowd present. Princeton made the first goal, but the Quaker City men tied the score at the first half, finally winning by the small margin. Bryor, of the Quakers, distinguished himself by making three straight goals. The teams play again Friday and Saturday.

GAS AND WATER BILLS

ALL CITY WATER BILLS presented to consumers during the month of DECEMBER, 1995, and not paid on or before JANUARY 1, 1906, will subject the consumer to the penalty provided by law, which is that the water shall be CUT OFF from the premises.

ALL GAS BILLS PRESENTED IN DECEM-BER, 1905, and not paid on or before JANUARY 1, 1906, will be subject to the usual penalty of 5 per cent., and if not paid on or before January 5, 1906, the gas will be SHUT OFF. The ordinances imposing penalties on Gas Bills and fixing the time when Gas and Water Bills in arrears shall be CUT OFF has been, since the death of the Treasurer. suspended; but the order of suspension is now recalled AND BUSINESS WILL PROCEED AS USUAL UNDER THE ORDINANCES.

The Norman F. Short Co.

Extends to its friends and patrons a happy and prosperous New Year ...